

WEEKLY REPORT

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Member Op/Eds

Congressman Tom Price wrote an op/ed on English in the workplace that ran in the Johns Creek Post. Congressman Price wrote, *“English is a part of the fundamental structure of our economy and helps keep our commerce moving... “At a time of serious challenges, it is deeply troubling that our federal government is working to undermine the principles upon which we do agree. We should not be spending precious resources in defiance of the will of the American people to sue employers who promote English in the workplace. The English language has always been fundamental to our unity and vital to the American marketplace. While we celebrate the diverse background of the American people, we must not discourage the promotion of our national identity.”*

Congressman Wally Herger blogged on Red State about the Colombian Trade Agreement. *“Five former commanders of the U.S. Southern Command have urged passage of the trade agreement, declaring that it “will meet our duty to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Colombians as they have stood by the United States as friends and allies.” Yet liberal Democrats appear unwilling to stand by our allies in Latin America. America is the largest manufacturer and exporter of goods and services in the world, and U.S. workers, manufacturers, small businesses, and consumers are the benefactors of free trade. Advocates of open markets must now redouble our efforts to convince the American people of these benefits. If we do so effectively, the political winds across the aisle may change again and Congress could yet give the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement the consideration it so clearly deserves. In the meanwhile, the Democratic action to put this agreement on ice is bad news for U.S workers and our economy,” said Herger.*

Communicator of the Week
Congressman John Campbell
Fox News Election HQ

“It is starting to change. There are 36 of us who have taken a no earmark pledge... If the American people don’t like something, eventually Congress has to change. The American people are getting more and more disgusted, they are getting louder about this and eventually we’ll get it to change.”

Congressman Scott Garrett penned an op/ed that received a full page spread in the North Jersey Record (a copy appears on the back of this report).

RSC Budget School Continues Tonight

Tonight, RSC Communications Chairman Marsha Blackburn will host the third installment of RSC Budget School during the Special Order Hour (first hour after last votes). RSC members are strongly encouraged to participate and discuss the spending excesses of the Democrat Budget while highlighting the largest tax increase in history that the Democrats have proposed to pay for their spending spree. It would be extremely helpful for one or more members from the Budget Committee to talk about the budget and appropriations documents themselves. A portion of the hour will be spent helping constituents understand how to navigate budget documents and find egregious spending for themselves.

One Minutes & Morning Hour Participation

From April 9 thru April 14, 6 RSC Members delivered one-minute speeches. Rep. Ted Poe spoke twice, about the U.N. and also about victim’s rights. Rep. Joe Pitts spoke about the Middle East and Rep. Gresham Barrett spoke about victory in Iraq. Rep. Sam Johnson spoke about immigration, and Reps. Virginia Foxx and Paul Broun both spoke about the Protect America Act.

On April 15, RSC Floor Action Team Chairman Lynn Westmoreland led and RSC effort to bring Members to the floor to speak during morning hour. Rep. Virginia Fox, Rep. Tom Price, Rep. David Davis, and Rep. Ted Poe each participated.

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